Output and demand of fertilizer

523. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between the output and the demand of fertilizers during the last three years;

(b) the total amount of subsidy given to fertilizer industry during the above period; and

(c) the cost of fertilizers imported during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The requisite details are given below:—

Gap between demand (consumption) and production of fertilizers (in lakh tonnes)

Year	Nitrogenous Fertilizers (Nitrogen)	Phosphatic Fertilizers (P_2O_5)
1982-83	8.00	4.57
1983-84	17.20	6.82
1984-85 (Estimated)	17.27	6.01

There is no indigenous production of Potash (K) and its entire requirements are met through imports.

(b) The amount of subsidy incurred on indigenous fertilizers was as follows:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Amount of subsidy
1982-83	550
1983-84	900
1984-85	1200

(c) Value of imports of fertilizers during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Value of imports
1982-83	273-53
1983-84	365.00
1984-85	1435.00 (approx.)

Joint venture with PDIL

524. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the multi-national company — Halder Topse has given proposals for joint venture with PDIL, a public sector organisation;

(b) if so, what will be the percentage of equity share in the joint venture; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the proposed joint venture is nothing else but an attempt to take over the PDIL's catalyst manufacturing activity?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Acute shortage of Medicine 'Dialantin

†525. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage

†Previously Unstarred Question 175 transferred from the 24th July, 1985.